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MEMORANDUM FOR: ODP/OS Joint Working Group

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FROM:
Security Officer, ODP

SUBJECT: ODP/OS Joint Working Group Minutes

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1. On 22 September 1981, the ODP/OS Joint Working Group met in Room 2D-03, Headquarters. The following were in attendance.

2. ISSG will establish a policy on the destruction of magnetic tapes. ODP will degauss the tapes and the Office of Logistics will destroy the tapes by burning.

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3. SPD discussed the Ludlow Encryption System with NSA but concluded there are serious format problems negating any advantages to the system. It would require a non-trivial change to the operating system. SPD would look at other alternatives including the enlargement of the password directory with a tighter control on the directory.

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4. In response to an ISSG request, SPD is developing an alert system for incorrect log-on or unauthorized use of the system. The system will report any exceptions to a security console that will be monitored on a 24 hour basis for immediate response. An alternative is an electronic mail file that will be reviewed by security.

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5. The briefing of the D/DP and D/S will be conducted in December or January. The major items will include the status of ACF-2, Audit Trail and Document Logging System.

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6. Some problems developed in the purchase of the Cornell Mini-Disk Manager. There are a large number of modules and each module involves a license. Although more of a management tool, the Cornell does provide some security benefits. SPD will take action to contact OL/PD for a resolution.

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7. A first effort to install the V-link will be in the Special Center. It can control the vulnerability involved in a GOTO. The owner defines who has access to a disk and the identity is in the directory in the GOTO profile. Customer Services Staff would have the responsibility to build rules to mini-disks. This is a manual operation and requires contacting the disk owner for a list of those who have access. The V-link is incorporated in the Cornell Manager and gives options to those who manage the disk.

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8. The subject arose concerning authorization to access and dump the data from someone's disk. The unwritten policy of ODP is not to dump a disk unless a written request is received from the Director of the Component responsible for the disk. The right of the Component Director to dump a disk is similar to his right to have a safe opened to review its contents. Additionally the Form 4065, ODP System Access Request, advises the requesting user that the use of these systems will be audited on a periodic basis.

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9. ISSG will develop a policy on the responsibility for the assignment of passwords. The need for a policy developed when the CAMS' Managers asked to control CAMS' passwords. In the beginning, the CAMS Manager issued and controlled the passwords. ODP assumed the responsibility about four years ago and it took a year to clear up the mess they inherited. Although the CAMS Manager presented some legitimate arguments for assuming password control, the Working Group was in agreement that the fewer people involved with password control the better the control.

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10. All members agreed that a new directory of passwords must be developed. SPD will develop a new file with millions of words rather than the current 6,000 words that are reused. Under the intended scheme, a password would be issued only once for a prescribed period then removed from the system when replaced.

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